exhibitions. Besides, as part of the comprehensive Policy package announced for SSI's by the Government on 30.8.2000, steps have been taken to ensure easier access to credit, collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Financial assistance to SSI

909. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance granted to Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Haryana, Uttaranchal for schemes of small scale industries;

(b) whether Government have sought the progress report regarding utilisation of the funds, district- wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Schemes/ Programmes to promote Small Scale Industries are uniformly applicable to all States/Union Territories. However, under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), States/Union Territories are provided funds for training, entrepreneurial development, contingencies etc. based upon their annual targets.

(b) to (d) The progress reports and utilisation certificates in respect of funds released under the PMRY are regularly furnished by the States/Union Territorries to the Central Government. However, as the district-wise allocation of these funds are made by the State/Union Territories themselves, only a consolidated utilisation certificate is obtained from them.

Economic package for SSI

903. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce any economic package to protect small scale industries functioning at present in the country; and

(b) if so, the detail thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATIVASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A comprehensive policy package to strengthen the small scale sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally, has aready been announced by the Government on 30th August, 2000. The package of measures provides fiscal incentives, for easier access to credit, marketing support, availability of collateral free composite loan upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technological upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Single Business Act for SSI

904. SHRIYADLAPATIVENKAT RAO:
SHRISOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Confederation of Indian Industry has requested for a Single Business Act to govern Small Sector Industry units;

(b) if so, the points suggested to ensure business development for SSI to attract FDI; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Confederation to Indian Industry (CII) has suggested the following steps for business development for SSIs and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):

Business development

(i) Promotion of domestic & international enterprise series of trade fairs;

(ii) Comprehensive policy for investment marketing, brand promotion and overseas market access;

(iii) Thrust on rural Marketing; and

(iv) Extensive usage of e-commerce.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

(i) Promoting Indian SSI Sector as a cost & quality competitive international sourcing point;